

Cardiff

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous May.

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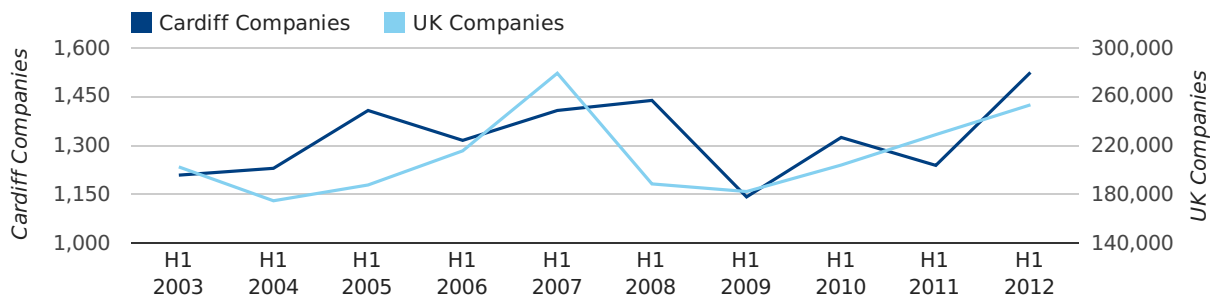
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,524 companies were formed in Cardiff. This figure is 23.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Cardiff occurred in 2012 when a total of 1,524 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	1,524	253,150
2011	1,238	228,735
% CHANGE	23.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,524)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

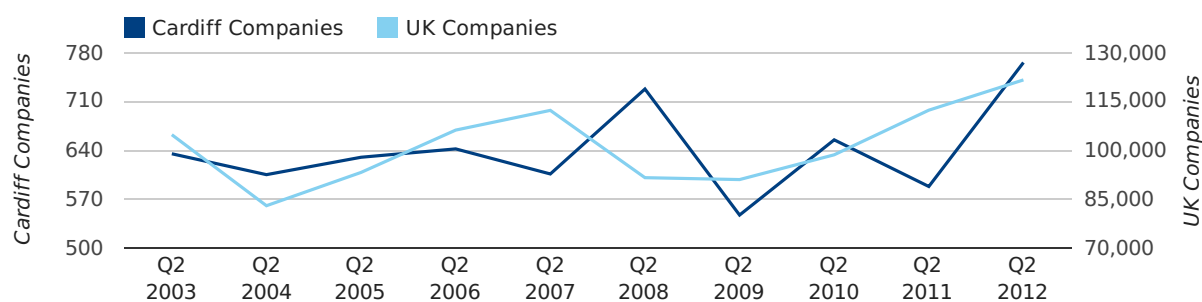
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 766 companies were registered in Cardiff during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 30.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	766	121,659
2011	588	112,344
% CHANGE	30.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (766)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	267	265	234
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	172	202	214
% CHANGE	55.2%	31.2%	9.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (298)	2012 (265)	2010 (267)

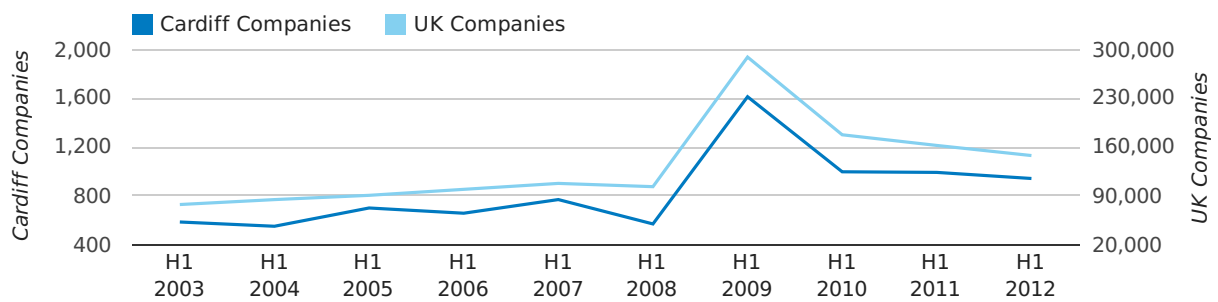
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 942 companies were dissolved in Cardiff. This figure is 5.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Cardiff occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,613 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	942	147,793
2011	992	162,310
% CHANGE	-5.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,613)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



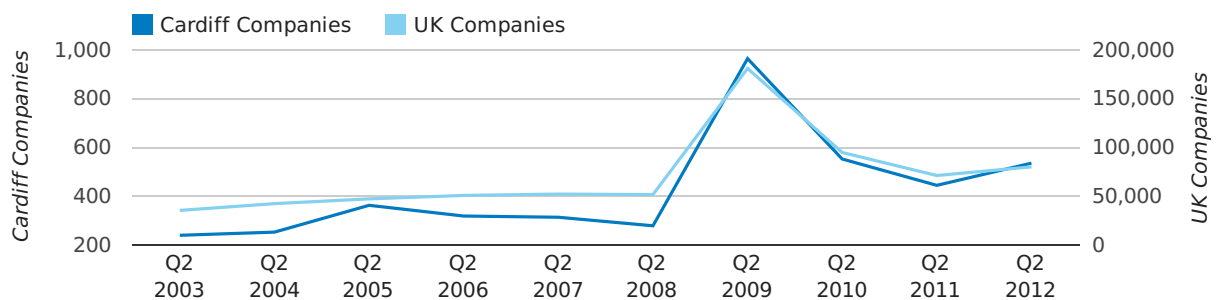
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 536 companies were dissolved in Cardiff during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 20.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	536	80,217
2011	445	71,324
% CHANGE	20.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (965)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



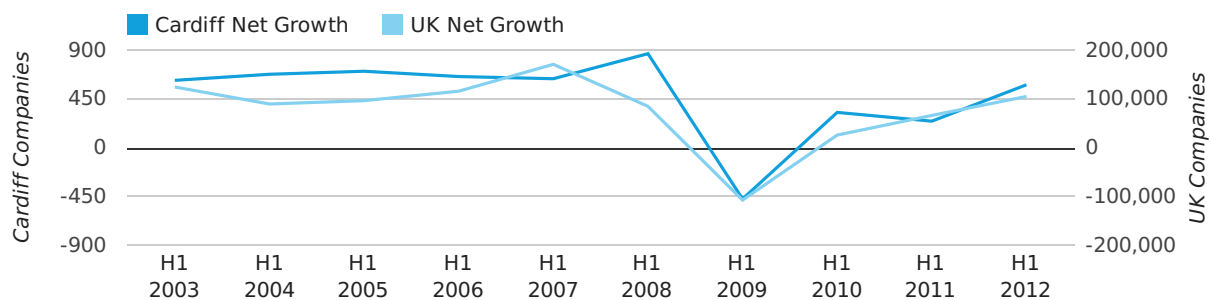
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	142	217	177
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	80	192	173
% CHANGE	77.5%	13.0%	2%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (345)	2009 (370)	2009 (250)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Cardiff increased by 582 companies. This figure is 136.6% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	582	105,357
2011	246	66,425
% CHANGE	136.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (869)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



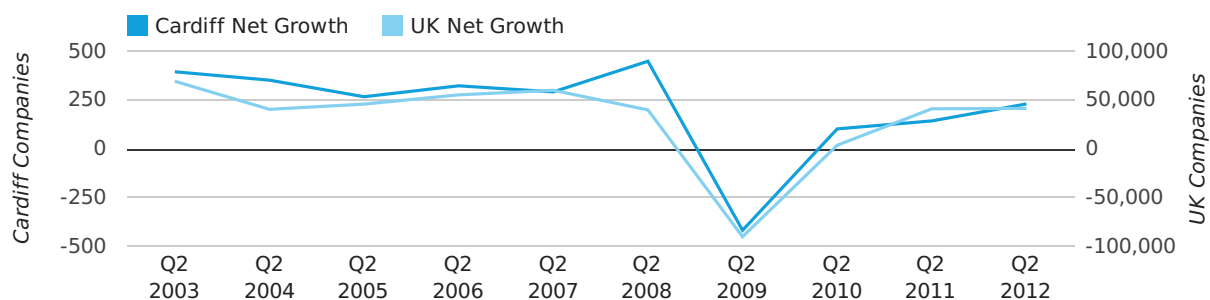
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Cardiff during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 230 companies.

This represents an increase of 60.8% on the same period last year.

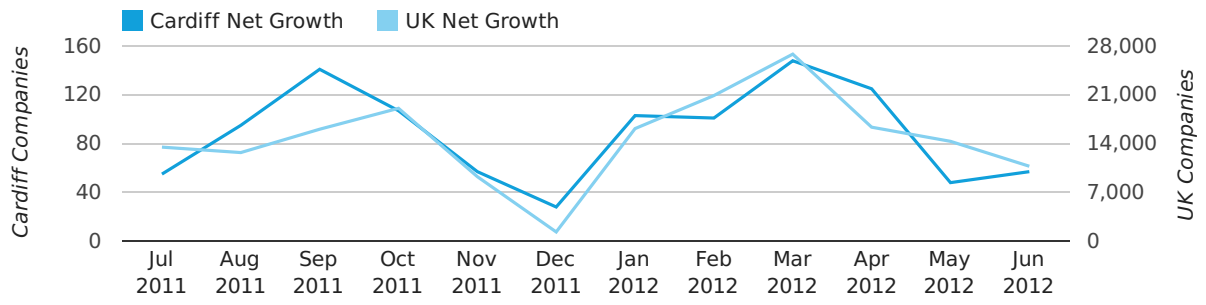
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	230	41,442
2011	143	41,020
% CHANGE	60.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (449)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



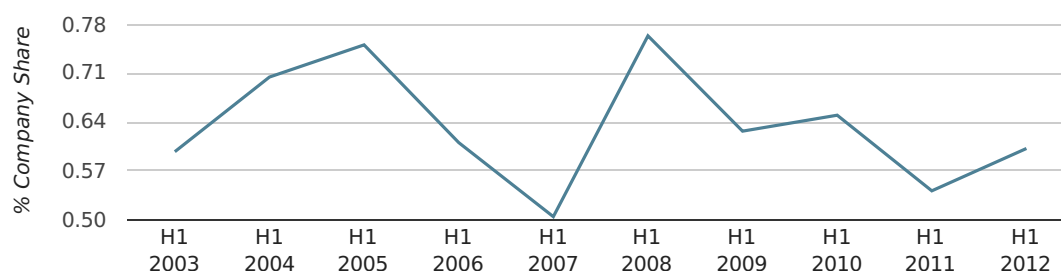
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	125	48	57
NET GROWTH IN 2011	92	10	41
% CHANGE	35.9%	380.0%	39.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (176)	2006 (168)	2008 (208)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Cardiff formed 0.6% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.5%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CARDIFF
2012	0.6%
2011	0.5%
2010	0.6%
2009	0.6%
2008	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.8%)

company share by half year

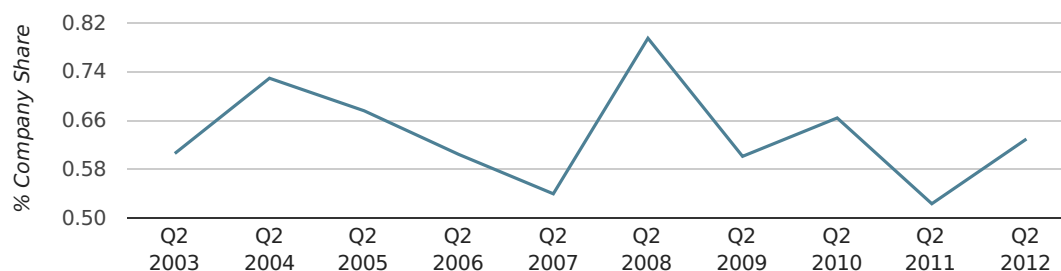


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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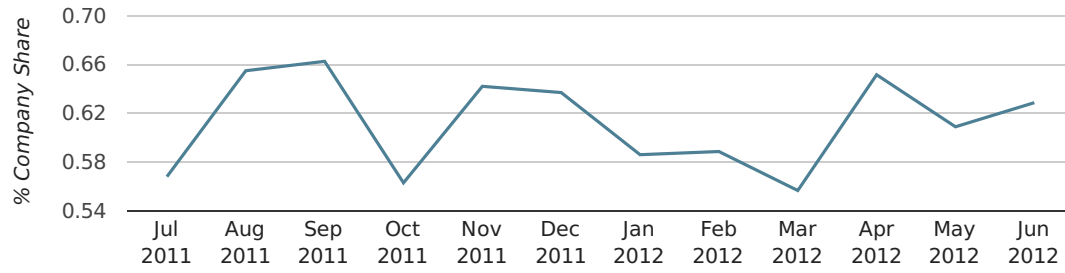
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CARDIFF
2012	0.6%
2011	0.5%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.6%
2008	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
% CHANGE	30.7%	15.0%	16.8%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (1.0%)	1963 (1.4%)	1968 (1.1%)

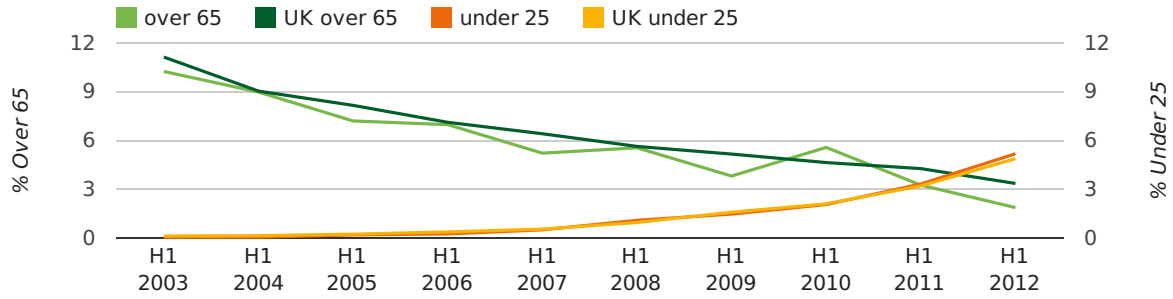
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



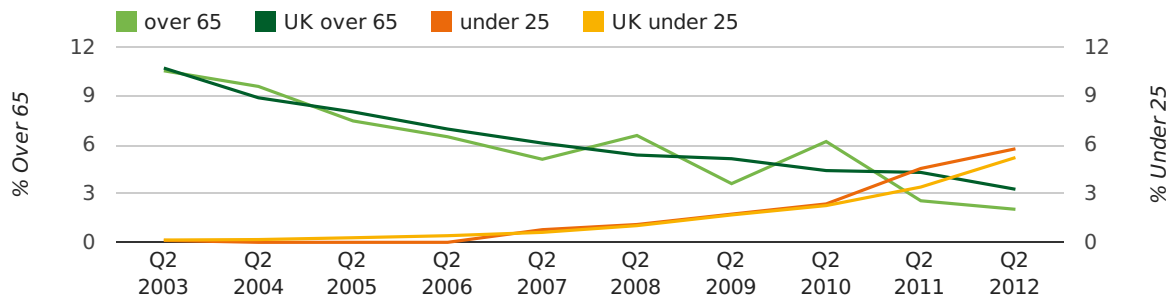
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

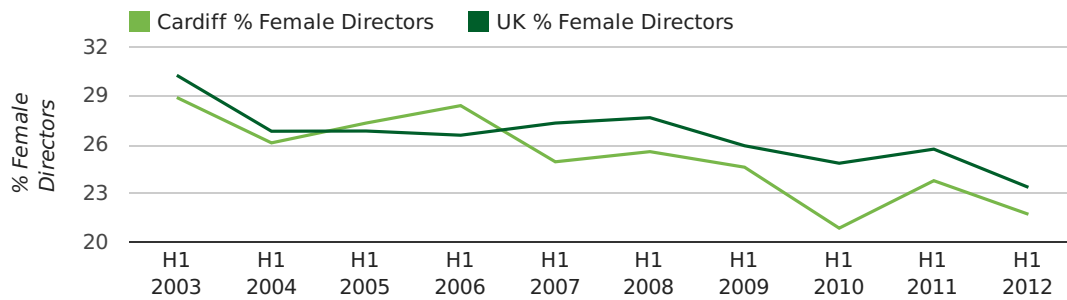


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Cardiff was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

21.7% of all director appointments in Cardiff in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year

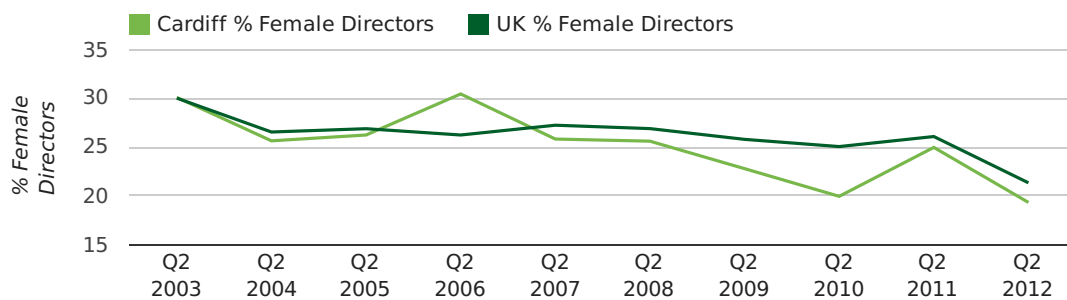


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Cardiff was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

19.3% of all director appointments in Cardiff in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CO.,	1.96%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CARDIFF	1.93%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.67%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
INTERNATIONAL	1.30%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTING	1.30%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	1.02%	DESIGN	1.89%
TRADING	0.97%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
(CARDIFF)	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
WALES	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
DEVELOPMENT	0.83%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
SOLAR	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.70%
(WALES)	0.78%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROPERTIES	0.73%	LONDON	1.68%
FINANCIAL	0.73%	J	1.57%
PROPERTY	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CONSTRUCTION	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.68%	IT	1.42%
ENERGY	0.65%	CARE	1.31%
GLOBAL	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CENTRE	0.60%	M	1.26%
R	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CONSULTANTS	0.60%	BUILDING	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.57%	SECURITY	1.19%
ASSOCIATES	0.50%	S	1.18%
SECURITY	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	2,011	244,457
74990 - Non-trading company	303	9,706
7487 - Other business activities	210	47,029
7499 - Non-trading company	208	8,023
99999 - Dormant Company	116	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	103	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	79	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	68	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	53	14,220
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	42	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	41	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	37	8,258
7414 - Business & management consultancy	33	10,978
86900 - Other human health activities	31	5,222
86230 - Dental practice activities	31	1,834
9305 - Other service activities	30	7,926
5530 - Restaurants	28	4,037
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	27	3,365
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	27	4,091
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	26	2,921